

**Touch Holiday Programme** in Hamilton during the July school holidays over 3 days. The focus will be skill development with a tournament on the final day. Top NZ U19 and U21 representatives will be working closely with the children as well as some very experienced coaches. For more details and registration contact Tracey Martin [traceym@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:traceym@sportwaikato.org.nz)

**Golf at Waitomo** Get a group together, play 9 holes (team ambrose or singles). Sundays - June to September, tee off between 1pm and 2pm, gear & support available on request. Fee - \$10 pp per day (includes 2 free golf balls). Book your tee time with - Dede Downs ph 07- 873 7604; [ddowns@sportwaikato.org.nz](mailto:ddowns@sportwaikato.org.nz) or Roy Chadwick ph 07 - 878 6003; [roy.kar@xtra.co.nz](mailto:roy.kar@xtra.co.nz)

## Children's Work

We had fun at a basketball session with Tyler from Kiwi Sport.



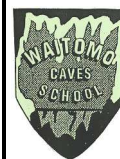
We also prepared some vegetables for our Matariki celebration soup.



## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

22 June	Mid-Year Reports go home today
26 June	Parent report evening
29 June	Community Assembly, 1.30pm
29 June	End of Term 2
2/3 July	Working Bee
7 July	Rugby club meal fundraiser
16 July	Term 3 begins
20 July	Soccer training resumes

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# Newsletter

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Term Two 2012

Week Nine – 22 June

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome Melissa Picard to school and the Waitomo community. Melissa has been supporting Ms Easton and the junior class as a volunteer adult helper. We are so privileged to have our volunteer helpers, thank you ☺.

Next term Miss Jenny Crown will continue to provide specialist music lessons and kapa haka classes during the Monday morning rotation sessions. This is a term by term position.

Congratulations to Alex Bell for a fantastic 1<sup>st</sup> place result in the recent Otorohanga College Junior Boy's Championship race.

## Hangatiki School

Hangatiki School closes its doors for the final time on the afternoon of Saturday 30 June. Please refer to the Waitomo newspaper for details of this Commemoration Day.

Waitomo Caves School have been gifted resources from Hangatiki. It is likely we will be allocated a time for collection on either Wednesday or Thursday of next week. If you have a vehicle, truck or trailer or two free hours, your help is needed. If you haven't already indicated please let me know if you are available, and I shall also do a ring around.



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## Working Bee

A working bee will be required to sort these new resources in their new home. Please come along to school on Monday 2 and/or Tuesday 3 July from 9.30am onwards. Your help is much appreciated.

## Soccer

Tomorrow's games will be the last until next term. We have a break over the holidays. Training will resume on Friday 20 July for a three week block. A closing day tournament will be held on Saturday 4 August.

## Mid-Term Reports

All student reports were sent home today. The report comments and grades are based on assessment data used to monitor your child's progress and achievement so far. We have reported your child's progress against the National Standards and the expectations at their Year Level. We all know that children do not achieve at the same time, age, or year level. Learning and achieving for some children can be a slow process, while others need more stimulation and challenges.

Attendance is recorded on the reports and presented in a percentage. The Ministry of Education target for attendance is 94% or more for a school year.

The report includes a parent questionnaire. It is timely to review our reporting procedures and gain feedback from our parent community. Please read the details carefully and provide comments to help improve the reporting process.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

There is a parent meeting planned for Tuesday 26 June regarding reports. Staff will be available on this evening in Kauri class from 5.30pm to have a follow up session with parents regarding reports. Discussing reports is useful when looking at your child's progress and achievement. Please indicate on the return slip in your child's report pack if you are available to meet on Tuesday.

## Aria Orienteering

Congratulations to the seniors who competed in the Aria Orienteering day last week. All students completed the course and had a great day. Our orienteering skills sure have improved! Thank you Vickie, Myke and Robin for providing support and transport.



## Bus Survey

The Ministry of Education is working to improve the school bus services. To assist with identifying opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of school bus services, and to get a better understanding of the actual travel patterns of students using school buses we have been participating in a survey. A bus roll has been kept and concludes today. We look forward to national results which aim to improve school transport services and to get a better picture of who uses daily school buses.

## Community Assembly

Our next Community Assembly will be held on the last day of term. This is **Friday 29 June at 1.30pm**. Please remember we have our last assembly for the term earlier than usual. Children will be dismissed to go home after assembly around 2.30pm.

## Rugby Home Game Meals

There is a home game meal for players tomorrow at the clubrooms. Please come along to help from 4.00pm onwards. The last meal we are fundraising for is on Saturday 7 July which is during the school holidays.

## Community News

**St David's, Otorohanga** will be running a Holiday Programme for Primary school-aged children in the week from 10-13 July, from 9:30am to 1 noon, with the theme '*Faith Street*'. There will be a time of Bible teaching and singing, games, morning tea, and craft activities including woodwork and baking. A gold coin donation each day would be appreciated. Any parent able to stay and help for even one session would be most welcome. Please feel free to contact Des at 873 7272 if you have any queries.

**Otorohanga GYMSPORT** Ages 5 years + Tuesday in the school term from week, Otorohanga College Gym, 2 sessions (3.30pm - 5.30pm). Session times to be confirmed after registrations by email or txt. Parent help required during sessions and to set and put gear away. Fees per term 1 child \$50, 2 children \$80, 3+ children \$100 (capped). Registrations MUST be received by 8<sup>th</sup> July by email [otogymports@gmail.com](mailto:otogymports@gmail.com) or txt 0273841901 with child's name, age & parent's name. Limited spaces available.

**Waitomo District Library** Winter Warmers Reading Programme If you're aged 5 to 12 years and love to read, get yourself down to the Library to register for our free, fun, Olympic themed Winter Warmers Reading Challenge. Join the Winter Warmers 6-week programme and you will receive a special booklet to guide you through easy, fun activities. There are stickers, reading maps, book review forms, word-finds and coupons. You may even win a prize! Winter Warmers starts on 2 July 2012 and spaces are limited, so be in quick! For further information contact the friendly library team on 07 878 1028 or email [library@waitomo.govt.nz](mailto:library@waitomo.govt.nz)